

Context Clues

What should we look for?

- Words or phrases you do know
- A thesaurus
- Synonyms
- Antonyms

Definition

- Words or phrases within a piece of writing
- Clues to the meaning of an unknown word

Mystery Word	Context Clues	Synonyms	Antonyms	Your definition	Dictionary Definition

How are they used?

- Search the text directly around the word
 - Before and after
- Find words that you do know the meaning to
- Use to determine the meaning of the mystery word.

1. After twelve hours without food, I was so ravenous that I ate four slices of pizza, two bowls of cereal, and an ice-cream sundae.

2. The idea of eating octopus is repugnant to many people. The thought of it makes them sick and they would rather go hungry.
3. Father abruptly turned the car around and headed back home, surprising us all with his sudden action.
4. The serenity of the lake nestled in the mountains was calming. The brothers had never felt so peaceful in their lives.
5. The food looked dubious to the travelers. It smelled off and looked questionable. They hesitated to eat it despite the natives all around them shoveling it in.